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To: All ODDS Staff and Stakeholders

From: Lilia Teninty, Director, Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

We need your help! We are seeking additional people to apply to serve on the new Human Rights Commission. The recruitment was halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It's time to get the Commission positions filled so it can get moving on its important work.

The Human Rights Commission is a result of a new Oregon law ([Senate Bill 493](#)). The Commission's role is to safeguard the dignity and basic human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). This will be an important resource for people in I/DD in Oregon and we encourage anyone who might be interested in being a member of the Commission to learn more about it.

The Governor's Office is accepting [applications](#) for Commission members now. Please apply by July 29, 2020. The Governor's Office desires to fill the Commission soon.

The law specifies membership for people in certain roles (like being a person with I/DD or a service provider). It's also important that the Commission reflect the diversity of our state and the people we support.

Please review the attached flyer for details about membership and how to apply.

We encourage you to share the flyer broadly.

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Lilia Teninty  
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# Seeking applicants for Human Rights Commission



Senate Bill 493 passed in 2019. It creates a Human Rights Commission (HRC). The Commission will safeguard the dignity and basic human rights of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

Governor Kate Brown will appoint the members of the Commission. The members will help create rules and policy for how the Commission will function. They will set up regional advisory committees to cover the state. The Commission will oversee the committees. The committees will get and resolve complaints of violations of people's rights as defined by Oregon law. Commission members will meet as needed, usually every month. Meetings will be held via webinar. Commission terms are three years. Members may be re-appointed to serve two terms.

## Who should apply

The Commission will include people from different roles:

- A person with I/DD who receives community-based services
- A family member of a person with I/DD
- A sibling of a person with I/DD
- A self-advocate for the rights of people with I/DD and who represents, in a professional capacity, an organization that promotes disability self-advocacy
- Two people from disability advocacy organizations
- An I/DD service provider
- An expert regarding behavior intervention models (preferably the Oregon Intervention System)

It's also important that the Commission reflect the diversity of our state and of the people with I/DD in Oregon.

Do you fit in one of those roles? Are you interested in people's rights? If so, please apply!

## How to apply

Apply using the Executive Appointments Interest Form online at [https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How\\_To\\_Apply.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/gov/admin/Pages/How_To_Apply.aspx)

## When to apply

Apply now through July 29, 2020.

## Learn more

Read the bill:

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/MeasureDocument/SB493/Enrolled>